



THE PARKS REPORT

A Monthly Summary of Birmingham's System of Parks & Recreation Facilities



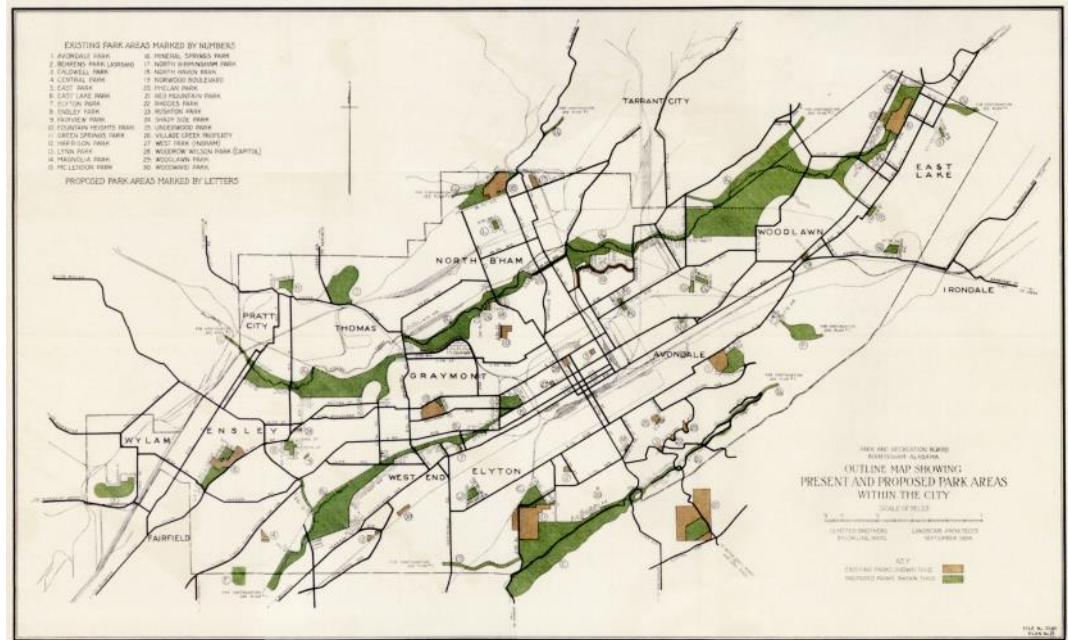
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*"We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give."*

—Winston Churchill



Olmsted Report: A Plan for Parks

Published by the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board in 1925, the Olmsted report suggested numerous parks for active and passive uses. Parks were important to the spiritual refreshment and physical welfare of stressed city dwellers, thought Frederick Olmsted Jr.

In 2021, Birmingham Park and Recreation operates more than 100 parks with the belief that well-designed and maintained parks serve to bring together communities and are assets to the urban landscape. Parks are for all people and provide residents with a refuge to enjoy fresh air, nature and the enjoyment of others. The successful park will promote pride in the community through its planned use.

#HappyHolidays #GetOutside

Reserve a Birmingham Park and Recreation facility or park for your event by calling 205-254-2556, M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. You may reserve space at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens by calling 205-414-3908 or 3909.

VENUE:

Botanical Gardens
Recreation + Sports Facilities
Open Park Reservations

NOVEMBER REVENUE:

\$9,005.30
\$14,360.00
\$3,080.00



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Summer Camp 2022

**Registration
Starts Jan. 22**

**Girls and Boys
Ages 5 to 12**

Call 205-254-2303

George Ward Tennis Center
205-322-8745

James Lewis Tennis Center
205-786-3711

Highland Park Racquet Club
205-714-8652

Boswell-Highland Golf Course
205-322-1902

Roebuck Hawkins Golf Course
205-836-7318

Always call ahead for hours
of operation and availability

Parks Maintenance Report

FYI: In November, the Parks Maintenance Crew cleaned 4,698 acres of green space, cut 852.48 acres of grass, removed 2,431 bags of litter and disposed of 10, 112.8 tons of debris in the landfill.



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Out There Playing After Dark

The demolition of three light towers on the east side of Legion Field Stadium is scheduled to begin on January 24, 2022. The towers will be replaced with 160-foot steel poles, topped with LED lights. The lighting on the west side will be refurbished and new LED lights added. The work is due to be completed by June 2, well ahead of the 11th edition of The World Games 2022, July 7-17. The stadium will host flag football play, presented by the NFL.

Additionally, new LED lighting will be installed at Memorial and George Ward parks.

DID YOU KNOW?

On October 4, 1969, long before 24-7 sports TV, the first televised college football game played in prime time was held under the lights at Legion Field Stadium. Boone Arledge, who was executive director of ABC Sports, pitched the idea to showcase the Alabama versus Ole Miss game. However, Legion Field's lighting was found to be insufficient for TV, which led Bama's Coach Paul Bryant to pressure Birmingham's Mayor George C. Siebels Jr. to make the necessary upgrades or risk the ire of his constituents.

In what to this day is remembered as one of the greatest games in college football history, the Alabama Crimson Tide outlasted the Ole Miss Rebels by the score of 33-32.